

Welcome to First Steps!

We are so pleased you have joined us and hope to see you regularly.

Here are a few details about our group and how we operate ...



- All children under 5 are welcome to join us with their parent, grandparent or carer.
- We meet term time only on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am till 11.30am.
- We charge £2 per family per session to cover our costs (refreshments, craft materials and resources). It helps us if you can pay by direct debit for the half term ahead. Our bank details are:
 - First Steps (Santander)
 - Sort Code: 09 01 55
 - Account Number: 39713082
- We have a separate calmer play area for babies usually in a different room to the main group. To ensure it is a quiet safe space for new families, please ensure your toddler doesn't wander into this area and we would politely ask that those with an older sibling remain in the main group unless a second adult is present.

We have a regular routine in our sessions which we find is helpful for the children as they get used to our group and in their preparation for school:

- 10am Arrival. Please come round the back of the Church and leave your buggy outside (you may need to ensure you have a rain cover for this). We start with a time of free play and adults are served with hot drinks on arrival.
- 10.20 Children's refreshments time. We encourage children to sit at tables for this and have a variety of water or squash and sweet and savoury biscuits available.
- 10.30 The majority of our time is child-led play with a variety of toys and activities both inside and outside (weather permitted). Every week we have a craft or creative activity which your child can complete with your assistance if they wish to.
- 11.15 We pack up the toys together and then have a short time with songs and a Bible story. We also share notices and celebrate any birthdays.

Housekeeping:

- Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the corridor off the 'Welcome Street' which is the lobby area you come in to as you arrive.
- Please be considerate in your parking outside the Church. Please don't block our neighbours' driveways or the bus stops on Meeting Street (it would be ideal if you could park on quieter roads such as Spinney or Elms Drive).
- Many families walk to First Steps therefore it is important for their (and others) safety that you do not park on the pavement or directly outside the Church so that there are safe crossing places.
- We will ask you to complete a registration form and invite you to join our group Whatsapp group.
- Your child is your responsibility during our group – please encourage your child to look after our building, equipment, toys and other people.
- Your safety and enjoyment is very important to us. As a Christian group run by volunteers at Quorn Baptist Church it is important for us to base our craft, stories and songs on the life of Jesus and the teachings of the Bible. Please ask any of our leaders if you would like to know more. You can find more information about what we believe and how we aim to keep everyone safe (safeguarding) on our website quornbaptistchurch.org

For any further details please speak with Hannah Curtis or message 07895693172